AMENDMENT VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

41. (New) A method for storing and referencing symbolically linked information in an environment, wherein a plurality of different symbols are conventionally utilized to refer to a single entity, comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of input symbols, each pertaining to a same single entity;

for each of the plurality of input symbols, generating a normalized master symbol;

determining a unique parent symbol corresponding to the master symbols;

storing the parent symbol and the plurality of master symbols in a master symbol database wherein each of the plurality of normalized master symbols is linked to the parent symbol.

42. (New) A document repository system allowing electronic retrieval of documents related to a plurality of entities, each of the entities conventionally referred to utilizing a plurality of different symbols comprising:

a processor, wherein the processor is adapted to:

receive a plurality of input symbols, each pertaining to a same single entity;

for each of the plurality of input symbols, generate a normalized master symbol;

determine a unique parent symbol corresponding to the master symbols;

store the parent symbol and the plurality of master symbols in a master symbol database wherein each of the plurality of normalized master symbols is linked to the parent symbol.